

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows in accordance with the Revised Format of Amendments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

What is claimed is:

1.(original) A container apparatus comprising:

- a) an exterior form, with an outside and an inside, surrounding an interior form with a compartment wherein said exterior form includes at least one space for containing items on said inside and wherein said compartment includes at least one space for containing items; and
- b) at least one opening in said interior form and at least one opening in said exterior form.

2.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein ~~element a)~~ said exterior form further includes at least one raised element on said outside of said exterior form.

3.(original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said interior form is offset from a center location of said exterior form.

4.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said at least one opening in said interior form includes a funnel section for funneling items to said at least one opening in said ~~interior~~ exterior form.

5. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a removable cap for said at least one opening in said exterior form.

6.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said removable cap is an edible animal treat.

7.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said items are edible animal treats.

8.(original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said at least one opening in said interior form includes at least one flap limiting the size of said opening.

9.(original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said at least one opening in said exterior form further includes an interior recess in combination with said interior form for receiving and retaining a removable cap.

10.(original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said at least one opening in said exterior form comprises two openings.

11.(original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said at least one opening in said interior form comprises two openings.

12.(original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said at least one opening in said exterior form comprises two openings and wherein said at least one opening in said interior form comprises two openings.

13.(original) An animal treat ball comprising:

- a) a ball, with an outside and an inside, surrounding an interior form with a compartment wherein the ball includes at least one space for containing animal treats on the inside and wherein the compartment includes at least one space for containing animal treats; and
- b) at least one opening in the interior form and at least one opening in the exterior form.

14.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein ~~element a)~~ said exterior form further includes at least one at least partially circumferential raised element on the outside of the ball.

15.(original) The apparatus of claim 13 further including a sinuous raised edge on the exterior of the ball.

16.(original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the interior form is offset from a center location of the ball.

17.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the at least one opening in the interior form includes a funnel section for funneling items to the at least one opening in the interior exterior form.

18. (original) The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising a removable cap for the at least one opening in the exterior form.

19.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the removable cap is an edible animal treat.

20.(original) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the at least one opening in the interior form includes more than one flap limiting the size of the opening.

21.(original) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the removable cap is domed shaped.

22.(withdrawn from consideration) An animal treat ball method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a ball with an exterior form, with an outside and an inside, surrounding an interior form with a compartment wherein the inside of the ball includes at least one space for containing animal treats and wherein the compartment includes at least one space for containing animal treats;
- b) providing at least one opening in the interior form and at least one opening in the exterior form; and
- c) inserting animal treats in the ball.

23.(withdrawn from consideration)The method of claim 22 further comprising the step of installing a removable cap over the opening in the exterior form after inserting the animal treats.